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of the lifting platform is prevented. The emergency off switch 10 may also be arranged in the central area, as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 5. In addition, another foot switch 17 for activating a control voltage may be provided. The foot switch 17 is operated after an operation of the emergency off switch to re-establish the operable state. For preventing an unintended activation, the foot switch 17 may be disposed in a slightly sunken manner.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1, without prejudice, as follows:

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1. (Amended) An operating device for a lifting platform, comprising:
a housing, the housing including:

a cover; and

a plurality of operating elements, each operating element being configured to operate the lifting platform to control a lifting and lowering of the lifting platform, each operating element disposed in the cover and formed as a foot switch;

wherein the housing is configured to be arranged in a sunken manner in a floor, the cover being configured to be disposed at a level of the floor; and

wherein the lifting platform is configured to lift an entire motor vehicle.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the cancellation of claim 2 without prejudice, claims 1 and 3 to 9 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3 to 9 are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and for indicating that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, PTO-1449 papers and cited references.